

New ND CJIS Portal Notifications

As you may have noticed, ND CJIS notifications have changed! Amy Vorachek, Lee Nagel, and Corey Schlenger from DOCR Parole & Probation partnered with ND CJIS to revise these notifications to make them more useful, timely, and convenient for you.

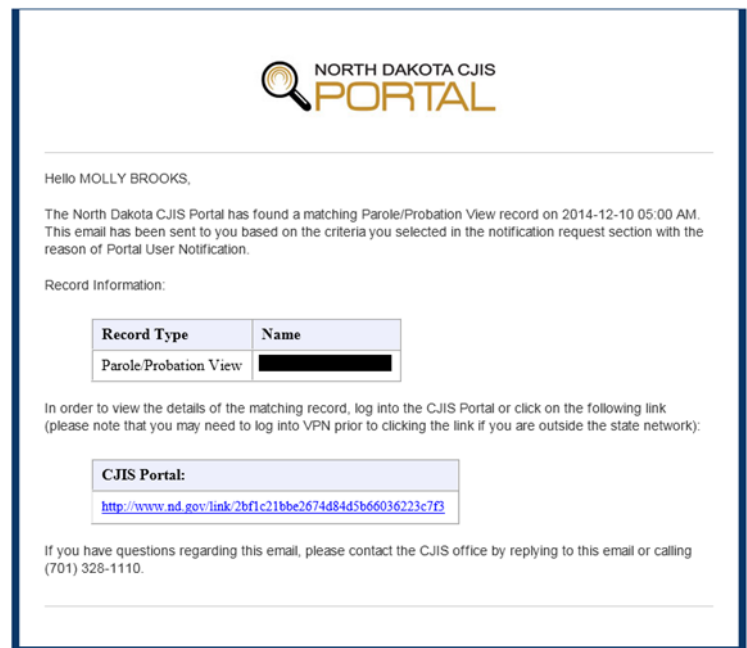
As shown at right, changes to the email format include:

- Readily available basic information about the record contents, including the record type and offender;
- Status information on relevant notifications for more information within the email; and
- Clear branding of the message sender (ND CJIS).

In addition, we made several changes to the criteria that defines if/when a notification is triggered. Before these changes, many of the notifications you were receiving were confusing and distracting. Now, you'll receive notification **only** when one of the following occur related to an offender who is on your caseload:

- An Arrest is added (we excluded notification when an Arrest record is updated or deleted);
- A Booking record is added or an offender is released (we excluded notification based on updates to booking records or any notifications related to the Custody records, which are often indexed after the fact);
- A Child Support record is added or updated (we excluded Child Support record deletions);
- A Concealed Weapons License is added or updated (not when deleted);
- A CWIS Warrant is created or updated (not when deleted);
- A Death Record is created (not updated or deleted);
- Certain types of Driver's License statuses changed, such as suspension (notification on other statuses and additions/deletions are suppressed);
- A Game & Fish permit potentially involving a weapon is created or updated (not when deleted or for fishing only);
- An Incident Report is created or updated at an agency that sends incidents to the ND CJIS Portal (not when deleted);
- A Highway Patrol Citation is created (not when updated or deleted);
- Offender Registration records are created or updated (not when deleted); or
- Protection Orders are created or deleted (not when updated).

In addition, we changed the system to prevent duplicate notifications. All of these changes should result in a noticeable reduction in the quantity of notifications you receive. ND CJIS is willing to continue to work with us to tweak these settings. If you have any suggestions, please contact Amy Vorachek by phone at 701-328-6198 or via email at amyvorachek@nd.gov.



ND SAVIN Criminal Court Case Module Upgrade Complete

ND SAVIN has recently completed an upgrade to our court notifications to incorporate the national SAVIN Service Specification Package (SSP). Based on this change, you should notice a dramatic increase in the quality, accuracy and timeliness of court notifications. Some improvements are:

- More specific hearing notifications and criminal charge notifications to reduce ambiguity and confusion (this will include a 30 day and 3 day prior notification on revocation hearings);
- Multi-day event hearings sent in one notification, providing the hearing start date, which will prevent multiple notifications for schedule/cancel/rescheduled day of the hearing; and
- One notification for multiple charge dispositions in one case, which will prevent a notification for each charge disposition.

In addition, the benefits of this project will extend well beyond the SAVIN Program to other criminal justice agencies and partners needing court data. We are excited for the improvements to the ND SAVIN Court module. We encourage the use of the system for your benefit and the benefit of the community.



ND SAVIN DOCR Parole & Probation Reminders

ND SAVIN is the automated victim notification tool that DOCR uses to provide notifications to victims and concerned citizens about offender incarceration and parole/probation status changes. ND SAVIN pulls this information by monitoring changes in records within I-TAG and DOCSTARS.



- Since notifications to victims and concerned citizens are triggered from data entered into DOCSTARS, even slight changes, such as a minor change in an offender's address, will trigger a change of address notification. Please try to enter data accurately the first time and refrain from making unnecessary changes to data in the system, where possible.
- DOCR policy states that absconding status shall be entered into DOCSTARS within 1 business day of determining an offender has absconded or entering into the revocation proceedings via a petition to revoke probation, Rule 32, or the signing of a parole authority to hold. Please make these changes in DOCSTARS in a timely manner to ensure victims are notified promptly and accurately.
- The Parole and Probation module is linked to the county jail and the prison modules. This means if you register for an offender on probation and that offender gets booked into a jail, you will be notified of the booking.
- The Court Module is separate from the incarceration module. A registrant has to register for court notifications separately from the incarceration and probation modules.
- There are three notification methods (email, phone and text). The website to sign up for notifications is www.vinelink.com. You can use this website to register yourself or you can refer it to victims/concerned citizens to use.



Please feel free to contact Heidi Smith at 701-328-1106 or hsmith@nd.gov regarding any SAVIN related question, concerns or feedback!

ND CJIS Calendar: Upcoming Dates and Trainings

April 19-25 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; For more information, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/events.html>
May 10-16 is National Police Week; For more information, visit <http://www.policeweek.org/>

ND CJIS is available to provide on-site training about the ND CJIS Portal or ND SAVIN. If you would like additional training or information, please contact Heidi Smith at 701-328-1108 or by email at hsmith@nd.gov to make arrangements.

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